





## Today's Advertisements.

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SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
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55 cts. per superficial square foot for boilers.  
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SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1898. [240]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO,"

Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 12th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

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THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND COLOMBO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

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Captain D. Davies, will be despatched for the above Port TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

To be followed by the Steamship

"NINGCHOW,"

For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

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"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship

"OBI,"

having arrived from the above Port. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 15th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th instant at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

LANGBANK,

Captain Runt, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 15th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th instant at 2 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

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THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"OOPACK,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 15th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
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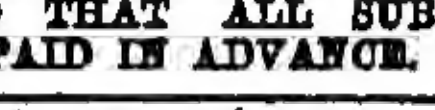
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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

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WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

#### MARRIAGE.

On the 8th February, at American Consulate, Hongkong, by Rev. Dr. C. R. Hager, Mr. C. A. CONRY and Mrs. MARY JAY.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1898.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In view of the undoubted fact that the British Navy is already deplorably short of trained men, and will of course be even worse as the programme of Naval expansion is carried out, it becomes a question of vital importance to the Empire to get more recruits for the Navy—trained seamen, stokers, and officers. One proposal is to combat the growing tendency to man British ships with aliens, by putting some legislative limitation on the number of aliens who may be employed on a British ship, and by encouraging with State funds the apprenticing of British boys to the sea. Limitations and handicaps are oppressive enough on British shipping, and the only possible way to put any restriction on the employment of aliens is to give some compensating increase of liberty to British shipowners—abolish some of the vexatious regulations which place our ships at such a disadvantage in competing with foreign ships. The load-line, and the restrictions on over-loading, were all very well and necessary formerly; but the insurance companies are nowadays well able to take care of themselves, as evidenced by the fact that German ships without load-lines do just as well as ours with load-lines. There are several other regulations which greatly hamper British shipping, and thus give foreigners an unfair advantage; if these were abolished, shipowners could afford to ship British crews, or to take fewer if any aliens. Asiatics may be best for firemen but at least let us have British Asiatics.

There is, of course, no doubt, whatever that some step must be taken to increase the number of trained seamen and firemen of British nationality in the merchant service, from which the Navy may draw; for other means of manning the fleet are not adequate. Unless there can be more British in the mercantile marine, the Navy will starve for want of men, and the Empire will perish.

If the Navy weakens. So, if a ship can take Europeans, let at least half of them be British; if Lascars, let them be British Lascars. And if this provision presses hard on the companies, let them be compensated duly, lest the result be simply further alienation of shipping.

At the same time, the chief desideratum for an increased supply of men, whether trained adults or boys to be trained, whether firemen or seamen or officers—the chief desideratum consists of attractive prospects and satisfactory pay. All the legislation on earth will not persuade a man to take a poor and unpromising berth if he can get a better one. The British nation does not grudge the money for the navy; let the pay be raised and prospects be improved. Regulations as to nationality of crews are in force in France—with what result? Much more harm than good. Perhaps the British would not bungle the matter so much; but it is better to be careful, and try some other way first. The main thing is the money.

Reuter alleges that Russia has promised to make a free port of any port she may acquire from China. If Russia, or any other Power, can be depended on to do this, British can well afford to let the whole of China or indeed the whole earth be partitioned by the rest of the Powers.

The Singapore Supreme Court has been busy with a case which recalls a Hongkong incident of three or four years ago. The keeper of a "hotel" (so-called, because "grog-shop" is a defamatory term) engaged two Australian girls as barmaids. They were told by an agent in Sydney that the house was a first-class hotel, one of the best in Singapore. When they arrived, they found it was a rum-mill where no decent girl could allow herself to stay, so they left. Their employer sued them for breach of contract, and judgment was given against him with costs. It was proved in evidence that girls were engaged chiefly for the purpose of having drinks at the expense of male visitors; the girls were frequently in a most abominable state of intoxication, and usually found themselves unable to endure the life for any length of time. The Judge found that the place was not a hotel but a drinking shop; that the girls were required not as barmaids but as lures to promote intemperance. It was also in evidence that "the girls did not get married, they got gentlemen to keep them; and to pay them once a month." The proprietor admitted that he did expect the girls to sit alongside men, and get men to drink and to stand drinks. When a girl found herself getting tipsy, she was to give the servant a hint, and lemonade would be brought her, though the gentleman would still be required to pay for it as champagne. It appears there are several such places in Singapore, and it would also appear that they ought to forfeit their licences, if the business they do is really as set out in the evidence. In Hongkong also there have been cases of a similar nature. In one case, a girl was brought from Australia to a "first class hotel" here, and on arrival she found it such as no decent girl would stay in. In other cases girls stay.

## TELEGRAMS.

["HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL.]

### BRITISH WARSHIP IN COLLISION.

THE "ALGERINE" STRANDED.

SHANGHAI, February 10th.

6.30 p.m.

The British gunboat *Algerine* has been in collision with some steamer, and stranded immediately afterwards. She has now been docked for repairs, which will be estimated to cost £3,000 sterling. Her starboard bilge-keel and false keel are almost entirely gone, and the port bilge-keel is considerably damaged, as the result of the stranding; while the boats and upper deck works were badly damaged in the collision.

[In connection with the above message a Telegram report called on the Naval Authorities at the Dock Yard, and was informed that nothing whatever was known of either the collision or the stranding. In fact, our correspondent's telegram was the first intimation the Navy people here had of the occurrence.]

#### REUTER'S MESSAGES.

##### THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, February 9th.

President Kruger has been re-elected.

##### RUSSIA AND CRETE.

It is officially announced in St. Petersburg that Russia withdraws her support from the candidacy of Prince George, and repudiates all further responsibility in the Cretan question, but states that she will not permit an increase of Turkish troops, nor the coercion of the Cretans.

##### RUSSIA IN CHINA.

Russia has given a spontaneous assurance that any port which she may obtain from China shall be made a free port.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.03 per £.

The Volunteers will have a route march tomorrow. Parade at Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. Uniform Khaki.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethercole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Tai Shing Paper Manufacturing Co., Ltd. \$55

A MARINE belonging to H.M.S. *Edgar*, who was removed to the hospital ship *Hedge* suffering from small-pox, on Wednesday, succumbed to the malady to-day. He will be buried at 6 a.m. to-morrow. There is nothing definite known yet as to the *Edgar's* next destination but it is rumoured in town to-day that she would shortly be sent off on a 30-day's cruise.

THE Russian Admiralty have ordered a first-class battleship, of 12,500 tons displacement, to be laid down at the arsenal at 11 a.m. Great things are expected of the armour for this vessel, which it is said, is being constructed under a secret process. The Russian authorities have also in hand two "destroyers" of the *Sokol* type building in St. Petersburg, and a triple screw cruiser of the *Rosha* type.

SOME time ago a resident of Bellifos Terrace reported the loss of his watch to the Police. Enquiries were made but with no result. On Tuesday last Detective Sergeant Scott found a watch in a pawnshop in Wellington Street which was identified as having been stolen from No. 9 Bellifos Terrace. In consequence of this a cobbler was arrested and in his lodging house in E On Lane Sergeant Scott found a European tweed jacket and vest and a revolver. The case was remanded till Friday next for enquiries to be made.

THE appearance of the modern freight steamship is anything but elegant, and when contrasted with the symmetrical lines of the passenger steamship she makes but a sorry showing. A very fair example of the two classes of vessels was exhibited at the dry docks at Brooklyn last month, says the *Maritime Journal*, when one of the freighters and a passenger steamer were docked side by side. The freighter's straight wall of the freighter showed great extent of surface, which would prove fatal to her through collision or stranding. The passenger steamer was trim with neat lines and fine turn of bilge also with an expensive of plating which proved her to be no mere shell.

THE English Electric Light works at Malaga have lately scored a distinct triumph. The Spanish seaport was, a little while ago, visited by a rainstorm such as is seldom seen out of the tropics. Houses were washed away, the wood pavement of the principal streets was washed off to join the river, the gas works were wrecked, and some children were drowned. The city gas supply, says a correspondent, collapsed, and after a partial resumption had to announce a week's suspension of the service for repairs, and Malaga would have been in Cimmerian gloom but for the English Electric Works, which rose superior to such a crisis as a river in nearly every street, and continued to supply its customers with the illuminant as if nothing untoward had happened.

"WELL," said the red-faced man, "the most exciting chase I ever had happened a few years ago in Russia. One night, when sleighing about 10 miles from my destination, I discovered to my intense horror that I was being followed by a pack of 13 wolves."

"I fired blindly into the pack; killed one of the brutes, and to my delight, saw the others stop to devour it. After doing this, however, they still came on. I kept on repeating the dose, with the same result, and each occasion gave me an opportunity to whip my horse. Finally there was only one wolf left, yet on it came, with its fierce eyes glaring in anticipation of a good hot sup."

Here the man who had been sitting quietly in the corner burst forth into a fit of laughter. "Why, man," said he, "by your way of reckoning that last wolf must have had the other 12 inside it!"

"Ah," said the red-faced man, "now I remember, I did wobble a bit!"

At the Magistrate's to-day Mr. Wodehouse, on the application of Mr. F. Maitland (of Linstead and Davies) resumed a case in which a conviction was obtained recently for neglecting to limewash houses in the Western district. Mr. Maitland stated that he had been given an extension of time in which to do the work and he also denied receiving a notice sent by Inspector Fisher to have been served on him. Mr. H. McCallum, secretary of the Sanitary Board, said he was willing that the summons should be withdrawn as a contract had already been made to have the work done. It was made four days before the summons was issued, and it lay with Dr. Clarke to say whether it should be withdrawn. Dr. Clarke expressed his willingness to withdraw the summons on condition that the work was done at once. To carry out the law properly the work should be done in November or December. The object of limewashing and cleansing was to maintain premises in a sanitary condition with a view to the prevention of epidemics like the plague. There were sixty-three houses in the block in question and none of them had been done, and they were all inhabited. The work was finished yesterday. It would be difficult to say whether, if the houses had been done in August last, it would be detrimental to leave them till January or early in February. In December he told Mr. Maitland he would have a special inspection made, and he was granted leave to have the work done early in January. He (Dr. Clarke) had written a memo on January 29th that the work should be done at once or a prosecution would follow, but that memo was never delivered. He had no other complaint against Linstead and Davies but a good many landlords showed a disposition to evade the law. He was unable to say whether Linstead and Davies did so. Mr. Maitland said that in this particular instance tenders were on his desk before the summons was issued and the notice never reached him. There was no intention whatever of evading the responsibility. The Chinese New Year had interfered a great deal with the matter, both before and after, and they could not get contractors. His Worship said he was satisfied that there had been neglect, probably unintentional but it was of the utmost importance that these laws should be carried out properly, and as he thought the other day that it was a general neglect he would reduce the fine from \$40 to \$30.

ONE of the moon-faced beauties belonging to a Lyndhurst terrace brot to-day prosecuted the mistress for detaining her clothes and assaulting her. The girl wanted to leave for another house and the old lady objected, hence the trouble. The mistress was bound over to keep the peace for six months, in a surety of \$50.

A FULL dress uniform coat of the West Yorkshire Regiment was found yesterday hidden in the scrub at Yau-ma-tei. Although very dirty the coat is not an old one. Not long ago a cobbler was punished at the Magistrate for wearing a similar garment. It is probable that these are some of the loot from the Kowloon camp before the regiment left.

THE action of the German Emperor in sending Prince Henry out to China to carve his way, to deathless fame has been the cause of some amusement at Windsor Castle, a caricature of the Kaiser, drawn by one of that gentleman's young second cousins, having gone the rounds. It represents the warlike monarch of Germany, as Oliver Cromwell, welcoming Admiral Blake home to England after his bombardment of Algiers and its title is "Has slain the califf horse? 'Tis good! He, ha!"

"A NEW INDUSTRY," writes a correspondent to the *Strait Times*, "appears to have sprung up of late in Singapore. In the manufacture of biscuits, which are packed in tins of various sizes, and labelled in exact imitation of the genuine article as exported to all parts by the well-known firm of Hambley and Palmer of Reading. So far as appearance goes, the design of the labels, and the get-up of them in general are such that unless anyone examines them very minutely, he stands a chance of having the Singapore-made article palmed off on him, thinking at the time he is really purchasing the goods of the above-named firm. There are several Chinese firms engaged in their manufacture, and though it is said they are made for export to the Native States and not for local consumption, yet the fact remains that they are on sale in many Chinese stores in town. There are various kinds made, and where one tin may be seen labelled 'made in Singapore,' there are dozens designated simply as Reading biscuits, and this is where the deception lies. A considerable trade, it is said, is being done, and one or two firms cannot make the biscuits up fast enough. So far as quality goes, they appear to be superior to the German brands now in the market." This same "industry" is being carried on in Hongkong and some strong measures are required to put a stop to it.

UNDER the cartoon "*Jigoku Gaki*" "Hell" and the Hungry Demons," the *Onaka Asahi* remarks that members of protective assemblies occasionally make curious remarks. Here is an example, which, we may add, also gives an insight into prison treatment and food. Recently when the cost of the *sai* (food eaten with rice) in the prison expenditure was debated at the M.C. prefectural assembly, Mr. Kimura Shyokuro, a member of the standing committee, moved that the one *sai* a day for each prisoner appearing in the estimate should be reduced to 5 *sen*, as in the preceding year. In support of his motion, Mr. Kimura remarked that *Jigoku Gaki* (hell) should be regarded as *Jigoku* (hell), the prisoners as the *gaki* (hungry demons), and the Governor of the Prison as Emma Dala (Great King of Hell), the prison wardens being the Red and Black Demons of the Buddhist mythology. It was necessary that Emma and the Red Demons should treat the *gaki* as cruelly as possible in order to prevent them from returning to the hell. This being so, it was wrong to increase the amount of *sai* and improve the treatment of the prisoners. He earnestly advocated that the *gaki* should be thrown into the *chinko* (blood pond), caused to climb up the *Karuyama* (Hill of Needles) and all the pains and penalties possible inflicted upon them to induce a wholesome fear of prison. If this were done, the number of prisoners would gradually decrease, to the great benefit of local expenditure. Possibly the Emma Dala and the Red and Black Demons would become friendly because of the decrease of their guests, but they must be patient under this affliction. N.B.—Foreigners will come under Japanese jurisdiction soon!

At a farewell banquet to Admiral Bridge given in the Town Hall, Sydney, last month, Sir George Dibbs (ex-Premier), speaking of the colony's naval contribution, said they were now paying the paltry sum of £37,000 per annum as a contribution, not only for the protection of the squadron in those waters, but £37,000 for the protection of the whole British navy. He thought New South Wales did not pay half enough in her contribution to the navy, and he hoped, as the day was not far distant when the Government would have to deal with the question of the renewal of the Naval Defence Bill, they would have the courage to come boldly forward—and he was perfectly certain that in such a move they would have the support of both sides of the House—and propose a more liberal contribution. He was well aware that there was a certain class of the community which did not like the Imperial connection, and which objected to the payment of the naval subsidy. This class was ready to insult the flag of Old England. But he ventured to tell them that it was a class which received more direct benefit from the connection than any other in the community. There was a local expenditure in connection with the navy of something like £200,000 per annum, the whole of which went in the employment of sailors about the port of Sydney, and probably the class which talked most against the naval subsidy and the Imperial connection was the one which received most of the benefit. While they had the protection of the British navy, they might be careless of the whole world. He hoped the Premier would boldly stand forward, and that he would receive the support of every decent man in the community in an endeavor to insure that the naval authorities in no shabby way as regarded the colonial subsidy.

HIS Lordship the Chief Justice will deliver judgment in the *Syngau* case (Gubbay and others v. Belliley) at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

For striking an officer, a signalman of H.M.S. *Tauranga* has been sentenced by Court Martial to three years' penal servitude, and dismissed the service. The offence was committed on the cruiser whilst in Port Jackson.

Two more possessions of unjust weights were to-day landed by Inspector Duncan. After a little interview with Mr. Wodehouse they were each ordered to hand over \$10 to the gentlemen who sit in the receipt of custom at the Magistrate.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley, on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club, "C" Company, K. O. R. will play H.M.S. *Powis* in the second round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield. Kick-off at 4 o'clock. Referee, Mr. H. W. Loober.

TWO newboys in the gallery witnessed a performance of "Hamlet." In the last scenes, after Hamlet has killed Laertes and the King, and the Queen has died of poison and Hamlet of a poisoned wound, one of the newboys exclaims:—"Jim, what a time that must have been for extra speshu!"

THE rearing trade of Hamburg has again shown a considerable increase during the past few years. While in 1895 as many as 10,477 sea-going vessels had made their appearance in that harbor, the year 1897 shows 11,173 vessels, and a total of 6,708,000 tons register, an increase of 25 per cent. in four years.

DURAND broke into the fortress of Vincennes, near Paris, recently, and after stealing the money and valuables of the soldiers and officers, tried the tools of the military blacksmith shop to break into the commissariat, which they plundered, and then made their way out through the monthly means of the ladies in the fort.

THE Band of the K. O. R. Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture—"Crown Diamonds" (A. Sullivan)  
Selection—"The Merry Widow" (J. Strauss)  
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YESTERDAY a cobbler employed by the H.K. and Kowloon Godown Co. was caught in an attempt to annex a coil of wire from his employers. On the goods, the Godown being examined it was discovered that 7 tasks of wire containing 12 lbs. each, and 75 lbs from another task, were missing. The cobbler was brought up at the Police Court this morning, and the case was remanded for a week to enable the Police to trace the stolen goods.

WHILE Police Constable 75 was on duty on his beat in Queen's Road Central, near



## FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG V. C. V. THE KING'S OWN LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

These teams met on a previous occasion when the soldiers proved themselves much superior and won by 5 goals to nothing, but yesterday on the new ground the club hoped to give them a much better game. Flinckney was unable to play so F. H. Kew was included while Wilcox and Litchfield were missed from the Regimental team.

The teams lined up at 5.30 p.m. as follows:—

Club.  
Davies, C. T. Kew,  
Slade, Looker, F. H. Kew,  
Mackay, Noble, Anton, Head, Mobley,  
—

Mount, Greig, Morton, Regan, Welch,  
Sullivan, Collins, Sowerbutts,  
Buntford, Atherton,  
Squibb.  
King's Own Regiment.  
Relerec, Mr. D. Wood.

The play opened in a desultory manner but when the game had been in progress but five minutes the soldiers got down and scored a beauty. Mount took the ball down on the 1-ft and passed it over to the extreme right from whence Welch put quickly across the goal and Regan meeting scored. After this the game was fairly even for some time but gradually the Lanes got the upper hand and once they had the measure of their opponents there was no holding them.

Twenty minutes from the start Regan put another through, then quickly followed a third and fourth from the feet of Mount and Welch respectively.

Davies might easily have stopped the third if he had used his hands but he elected to kick and missed. The soldiers were now playing a fine game and their forwards passed prettily and effectively, in fact there was only one team in it.

Just before half time their backs were lying too far up the field when the ball being put up quickly, the Club forwards raced past them in a body and scored, Mobley putting it through.

Half time, Regiment 4 Club 1.  
During the second half the Lanes were rather inclined to drift with their opponents and evidently satisfied with the state of the score took matters rather easily. The Club earned several corners but were unable to augment their score though they tried hard. As the game was ending its close the soldiers came again and scored the club pretty hard but it was not until about a minute from time that they were enabled to again get through. Their left wing made a beautiful combined movement and Greig shot the ball into the net.

Final, Regiment 5 Club 1.  
The Regiment outplayed the club every man in the team being a good player. Sowerbutts at half and Welch and Regan forward are deserving of special notice.

Of the club players; Davies was weak in goal. Kew played well at back but Mayson discounted his usefulness by his dribbling propensities. The balance did not show up well against the opposing forwards not did the forwards distinguish themselves. Noble was the cleverest and Mackay and Mobley put in some fast runs but collectively their style compared very poorly with their opponents' combined and tricky movements.

## THE SONG THAT MEN SHOULD SING.

(BY KENNETH MACKAY.)

The cohorts who fought when the world was young.

Have their blood-red legends told,  
For a hundred poets have bravely sung.

The deeds of the days of old.

They have told the tale of a battle flag  
That floated all red with crimson rag.

When the tattered folds of this crimson rag  
Was dearer than life or love.

But they tell us now, in their lifeless lays,  
These knights of the stool and pen.

We must boast no more of the stirring days  
When they fought and fell like men.

But the tale is best that has oft been told,  
If it love of birthland bring.

And the song they sang in the days of old  
Is the song that I will sing.

For a people not in the lap of ease,  
And trade, be it all in all.

Breeds the coarser worm of a fell disease,  
The germ of a Nation's fall.

We won this land from a nervous race,  
Too mean for their land to fight.

If we hope to hold it we too must face  
The danger that "might is right."

It matters nothing what dreamers say,  
When they praise that war must cease.

For the faithful war god holds his way  
In these piping days of peace.

We know there was never a country yet  
In the East or in the West.

That was worth the winning, but has been wet  
With the life blood of its best.

So our lads must learn there's a stern task  
The playing a well-pitched ball.

That the land we love may some day ask  
For a team when the trumpet call.

A team that is ready to take the field  
To bowling with ball of lead.

In a test-match grim where, if one appealed,  
The umpire might answer "dead."

It is well to collar and kick and run  
In a fierce-fought football match.

Where to grass his man is the full-back's fun,  
While the barrackers breathe watch.

But a time will come when the forwards' rush  
Will be on the tongues of fame.

And the men in the "scums" will faint and flash  
In the heat of a bloodier game.

It is brave to ride in a strong-run race  
When the rails are lightly struck.

And you drive your horse to a winning place  
In front of the rushing pack.

But never forget that you yet may face  
A wall that is built of steel.

In a death or glory sleepless chase,  
With rapiers that sway and reel.

A day may come when the scarlet bloom  
Will blossom on sabres bright.

And the sword-bearer of the Eastern gloom  
So lit with the battle's light.

So the tale is best that has oft been told,  
If it love of birthland bring.

And the song they sang in the days of old  
Is the song that men should sing.

## THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the office of the Company, No. 14 Praya, Hongkong, on Monday, 21st February, at noon:—

The Directors have now to submit to you their report, with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended 31st December last.

Total receipts for six months.....\$1,190,873 69  
Net profit, after paying interest and all charges.....\$268,435 48  
Balance brought forward from last account.....57,790 91

and from this have to be deducted—  
Directors' fees.....\$7,000 00  
Auditors' fees.....500 00

leaving available for appropriation.....\$356,726 40

The Directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 8 per cent or \$125,000 and a bonus of 4 per cent or \$50,000 aggregating \$175,000 be paid to the shareholders on the basis of \$50,000 to Contributing Shareholders, that \$15,315 36 be written from the value of Kowloon Docks, \$6,103 41 from Cosmopolitan Docks, and the balance \$107,283 73 be carried to the new account.

The further extension of our property on the north-west boundary, Hong-Hom, referred to in the last report has been granted by the Government, and good progress is being made with the filling in of the foreshore.

The general business of the Company continues to expand, and to meet this development, considerable extensions and alterations of the docks to meet the needs of the Kowloon and Cosmopolitan establishments have been found necessary; some of these improvements are now finished and preparations have been made for completing the remainder as quickly as practicable.

In accordance with clause 63 of the Articles of Association, Mr. J. H. Lewis, and the Hon. J. J. Bell, Directors, retire by rotation, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. S. C. Macdonald having resigned, Mr. A. Haupt has been invited to the vacant seat on the Board, this appointment requires to be confirmed at this meeting.

Mr. J. H. Lewis has been appointed Chairman for the year 1898.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thos. Arnold and Fullerton Henderson, Mr. S. G. Bird being absent on leave. The Directors recommended Messrs. Thos. Arnold and S. G. Bird for re-election.

J. H. LEWIS,  
Chairman.

## THE LIFE OF THE LABOURER IN JAPAN.

A gentleman who recently made some minute inquiries into the life of the labouring classes of Japan has furnished to the *Osaka Mainichi* the following results, based upon an investigation into the life of 100 labourers and their families.

Average earnings of the head of the family per month, deducting

ing holidays.....yen 10 11

Average per day.....yen 30 35

The average number of members in a family (excluding the head) being 4.9, the daily cost of living per family is.....yen 46 8

House rent.....yen 5 5

Rice.....yen 24 5

Other food.....yen 5 5

Firewood and charcoal.....yen 2 7

Clothes and utensils.....yen 2 6

Bath.....yen 2 0

Sundry expenses.....yen 4 0

Total.....yen 46 8

With holidays (that is to say, Sundays, festival days, &c.), the average earnings of a man per day would, it appears, amount to yen 30 35.

Table the above statistics, it would appear that the average labourer working seven days a week actually earns 7 yen a day less than he spends; if he rests on Sundays and other holidays he spends 1 yen 18 pence more than he earns.

But the investigator found that other members of the family averaged on an average yen 18 3 a day. When, therefore, these earnings are added to that of the head of a family, the total daily earnings of the family amount to 54 yen, showing a surplus of a little over 7 yen a day.

Out of this, they have to pay for clothing, food, medicines, &c., and to meet other every-day expenses, which they cannot do without involving themselves in debt. In the cold weather the domestic expenses are greater and the hardships of the poor are increased in severity to a corresponding degree.

## GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN ON THE RAMPAGE.

There must be a considerable section of the great American nation "barny on the stump," for the San Francisco papers report that over ten thousand people of Matillion, Ohio, went to hear George Francis Train deliver a speech, of which we quote a few paragraphs, and which he himself to himself to *Chicago Editor-Telegraph* Hongkong:—

Dr. Collins-Chase Co. use King Co Bonds C.O.D. Three Thousand Tribute Henshaw's (Hiss). What about William Richardson, Atlantic R'y Company, Brooklyn? Was Tracy his Albany Lawyer? (Cries of "Yes" and "Hiss") Does Mr. too own Trolley Consolidators, who murder Passengers C.O.D.? (Sensation of horrors)

Can blast from Dayton's bugle horn, Roderick Dhu, Ten Thousand Men, (No, and applause), Can Henry George, weather vote Storm Against Van Wyck's Tiger in Den? No (Laughter and Applause) Can moral Low or Scoop Platt corn For Tracy to beat all of them? (Laughter and "Down with Spoil Statesmen!")

Through Wall Street Reorganization Swindlers who admit their fraud by advancing their Big Eight Million (Cries of Death to Pirates. Sensation and applause) Sound Money Scams must go back to England or Death Slayers them in the Face! (Loud Cheers and Counter Cheers) Against English Bandits—Robbers and Buccaneers using Hanna—Platt—McKinley and Cleveland's Two Decade English Syndicate) For Foreign Republic through "Sound—Money" Union Pacific Twenty Million Fraud which I am Checkmating? (Cries of Yes and Down with Hannaism) Yes! Daylight is Slighted when Voters "Abolish—Gold," (And Silver) for Greenback Currency, that saved Flag from English—Morgan—Huntington—McKinley—Albany (Loud Cheers for Treachery and Money Dollars per head to remove Shiplock Marriages from Seventy Five Millions Swindled Americans)

The Tents Ten Thousand Obolotes yelled for Justice to Twenty Million Working Men Facing Starvation.

Yes! English Gold Bug Bait Party Contract was for Five Terms! Twenty Years Fraud!

Twenty Years Bond Swindle, (Already Three Terms) released at St. Louis and Chicago

Through McKinley's Alibi, (Loud Laughter

and Hiss) (C. O. D.) and Cleveland! Hanna elect McKinley this time, and C. O. P. Cleveland, next! (That ends Twenty Years contract!) But Public Asses, who vote in Dutch, (of Helpless Slavery of Church and State) may struggle on till Relief-of-Terror Cuts throats on these Hold-up Pirates! (Sensation of Horror) An whole World has but Two Dollars Gold, and Three Silver per capita, And it took Elvety (Greenbacks) to save Union, (At Ten Billion Cost, and Million lives) we must have Elvety Dollars p.c. now, as in Civil War, to restore Prosperity! (Cheers for Greenback Prosperity!) Hence McKinley is only Blind, for Gold and Silver English Pirates to Stop Greenback (Re) Evolution 1 and Small Pacific Railway! (Hisses for Sound Money Morgan Frauds!) All is charged with Death! High Treason will be Count Maritallied When Public-Intelligence catches! Treason, will Die! 1 Forcible, Hold Fort! (Loud Cheers and some Hiss) (Cheers for the Sound Money Legal Tender!) National Paper—Abolish Gold Currency Advocated by General Coxey! (Loud Applause).

## NOTANDA.

## CALENDAR.

## FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer.....30.141

Thermometer.....57.3

Humidity.....79.5

Rainfall.....1.75

## TO-DAY.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On date On date

Barometer.....30.20 30.08

Thermometer.....59 64

Humidity.....23 34

Rainfall.....

## TO-DAY.

Friday, 11th February, 1898.

Chinese—21st of 1st moon of 24th year of Kwong-shi.

Jewish—20th Sibat, 5658.

Mohammedan—20th Ramadan, 1315.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 22min.

Sets.....5hr. 57min.

High water—Morning.....11hr. 15min.

Afternoon.....11hr. 57min.

Low water—Morning.....5hr. 45min.

Afternoon.....5hr. 45min.

## ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Emperor Tao-Kwang rejected Treaty.

1851—The demands of the Allies forwarded to Peking by Lord Elgin.

1873—Abdication of King Amadeus of Spain.

1885—The U.S. Douglas lost on "Hick Rock."

1889—The Japanese canon titling granting representative Government proclaimed by the Emperor in person at Tokio.

1895—Murder of the Korean Minister at Seoul.

1897—Greece informed the Powers that she could no longer remain a mere spectator of events in Crete.

## TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 12th February, 1898.

Chinese—22nd of 1st moon of 24th year of Kwong-shi.

Jewish—20th Sibat, 5658.

Mohammedan—20th Ramadan, 1315.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 22min.

Sets.....5hr. 57min.

High water—Morning.....11hr. 15min.

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## ANNIVERSARIES.

1554—Lady Jane Grey beheaded.

1841—Death of Sir Alfred Cooper, the great surgeon.

1858—Alfred Commissioner at Canton.

1896—Great fire in Mills; between 60 and 70 houses destroyed.

1897—Suicide of W. J. Petersen at Kowloon.

## MEMORANDA.

To-Morrow, 12th February.

11 a.m.—French and American mails close.

Noon.—Meeting of the H. K. Bank at City Hall.

Noon.—Yarra sails for Europe and the *China* for San Francisco.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

## MAILS DUE:

American (Belge) 13th inst.

Indian (Aravon Apcar) 14th inst.

French (Oceania) 15th inst.

Australian (Tianan) 17th inst.

Tacoma (Olympia) 17th inst.

Australian (Tokio-Maru) 18th inst.

Canadian (Empress of Japan) 21st inst.

American (Peru) 22nd inst.

The N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Mogul* arrived at Portland from Hongkong and Japan on the 8th inst.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Tokio Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port on the 8th, and is expected to arrive here on the 18th inst.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Idzumi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 9th, and is expected to arrive here on the 15th inst.

## SHIPPING RETURN.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

Yarra.....steamer, from Shanghai

Oh....." " Singapore

Opack....." " Singapore

Whampoa....." " Saigon

Hangchow....." " Canton

Shanghai....." " Saigon

Christiansburg....." " Saigon

Langband....." " Singapore

Aggregating 12,826 tons register.

Departures.

Hohannollern.....steamer, for Japan

Sachsen....." " Shanghai

Formosa....." " Tamid

Machow....." " Bangkok

Sihon....." " Swatow

Hinsang....." " Saigon

Germania....." " Kobe

Whampoa....." " Shanghai

Lysomoon....." " Shanghai

Aggregating 13,379 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURN.

Triumph....." " Kowloon Dock

Tordenshoed....." " " "

Raiden....." " " "

Kwangshih....." " " "

Martha....." " " "

Cosmopolite....." " " "

Bingo....." " " "

Tamar (H.M.S.)....." " " "

West York....." " Cosmopolitan

Another (H.M.S.)....." " " "

## THE POLICE BRIBERY SCANDAL.

## FOUR OFFICERS "RETIRED."

Inspectors Hennessy and Mann and Sergeants Hall and Ford, whose names appeared on the list of recipients of bribes in the Wah Lane gambling house, have, under instructions from the Secretary of State of the Colonies, been retired on pensions calculated on the number of their completed years of service. They retire on 5th proximo.

## THE LIGHT THAT CAST NO SHADOW.

Curious stories are told about the powers possessed by certain natives of India, who live up among the Himalaya mountains. These old men, it is said, have devoted scores of years to the study of natural laws and forces, which the rest of the world knows nothing about. Lately a German professor visited the "adepts," as these queer Hindus are called, for the purpose of finding out the secret of their remarkable performances. They treated him rather scornfully, but interested him all the same. One day the professor wanted to examine some ancient Sanskrit manuscripts. An adept went with him to a cave wherein the books were kept. The place was dark as the bottom of a well.

"I can't see to read, here," said the visitor.

"Then we will have some lights," was the reply, and immediately (the professor says) a soft, pearly light brightened the cave. He could not tell whence it came, but he noticed that it had one strange quality—it cast not the slightest shadow.

This is a story hard to believe, yet its truth is affirmed by a man of vast learning and high character, and you who now read it have no reason for doubt except that all the lights you have seen have cast shadows. Solid or unsubstantial, some parallel with our own experience. Dr. Johnson said at the account of the Lisbon earthquake, yet credited the tale of the Cook Lane ghost.

A man who has been ill for years, and failed to find a cure is sceptical when friends tell him of a medicine which they believe will make him well. What else but doubt could result from his experience?

"In the spring of 1883," writes our correspondent, "I fell into a low, weak, and languid state. I felt low-spirited and out of sorts. At first my stomach was deranged, my appetite poor and after eating I had pain and weight at the chest. I was much troubled with wind, and frequently spat up a sour fluid, also bitter bile. Later on I was referred from the usual remedies to a certain preparation of salts. I kept up with my work, but had always a sense of discomfort. Off and on I continued in this way for two years, nothing that I took relieving me. At last I heard of Mother Selge's Syrup, and procured a supply. After I had taken only a few doses I found relief; my food digested, and gradually all nervousness left me. Although with great depression of spirits, I kept up with my work, but had always a sense of discomfort. Off and on I continued in this way for two years, nothing that I took relieving me. At last I heard of Mother Selge's Syrup, and procured a supply. After I had taken only a few doses I found relief; my food digested, and gradually all nervousness left me. Although with great depression of spirits, I kept up with my work, but had always a sense of discomfort. Off and on I continued in this way for two years, nothing that I took relieving me. At last I heard of Mother Selge's Syrup, and procured a supply. After I had taken only a few doses I found relief; my food digested, and gradually all nervousness left me. Although with great depression of spirits, I kept up with my work, but had always a sense of discomfort. Off and on I continued in this way for two years, nothing that I took relieving me. At last I heard of Mother Selge's Syrup, and procured a supply. After I had taken only a few doses I found relief; my food digested, and gradually all nervousness left me. Although with great depression of spirits, I kept up



